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SUBJECT: LOS: EVENSEN MEETING

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1. POLCOUNS MET MARCH 14 WITH DIRECTOR MFA LEGAL DEPARTMENT NABIL AL-ARABY, WHO HEADED EGYPTIAN DELEGATION TO EVENSEN MEETING. AL-ARABY WAS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SELECTION OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON TO HEAD US DEL AND THE SEVERAL OPPORTUNITIES HE HAD HAD AT GENEVA TO MEET WITH RICHARDSON. HE WAS GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC THAT SOME BASIS FOR COMPROMISE ON EXPLOITATION OF DEEP SEA BED MAY HAVE BEEN REACHED WHICH INCLUDED INTER ALIA EXPLOITATION BY AUTHORIZED ENTITIES DURING PERIOD OF 20 YEARS ONLY, RENEWABLE FOR FIVE MORE YEARS. AL-ARABY OPINED THAT EUROPEANS AND PARTICULARLY RUSSIANS WERE NOT PLEASED WITH THIS POSSIBLE COMPROMISE BECAUSE STATE OF THEIR TECHNOLOGY WOULD NOT ENBABLE THEM TO BENFIT IN SAME WAY US WOULD DURING THIS PERIOD.

2. AL-ARABY ALSO SAID EGYPT, TOGETHER WITH SEVERAL OTHER KEY
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GROUP OF 77 COUNTRIES, PLANS TO PLAY MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS AND HE THOUGH US WOULD BE PLEASED WITH POSITIVE NATURE OF THIS ROLE. GROUP OF 77 WOULD MEET IN NEW YORK TWO WEEKS BEFORE LOS CONFERENCE. AL-ARABY HOPED TO HEAD EGYPTIAN DEL AT LEAST FOR FIRST FEW WEEKS OF LOS CONFERENCE.

3. COMMENT: AL-ARABY IS KEY FIGURE AND ONE OF PRINCIPAL SUPPORTERS

OF LOS TREATY WITHIN GOE. HE WAS HANDPICKED BY FONMIN FAHMY TO
BE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL DEPARTMENT AND HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN BEGINNING
TO INTEREST FAHMY IN LOS MATTERS. IT WAS, IN FACT, FAHMY
WHO AT LAST MINUTE TOLD AL-ARABY TO HEAD DELEGATION TO EVENSEN
MEETING. IN VIEW OF THIS AND GOE INTENTION TO PLAY MORE ACTIVE
ROLE, EMBASSY AGAIN RECOMMENDS DELEGATION OF LOS EXPERTS VISIT
CAIRO PRIOR TO LOS CONFERENCE IF IT COINCIDES WITH OUR STRATEGY.
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